GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Implementation of PAHAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PAHAL has been acknowledged as the largest welfare scheme with regard to direct benefit transfer by the Guinness Book of World Records and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of funds transferred into the bank account of LPG consumers so far, State/ UT-wise; and
(b) whether the Statutory Auditor has questioned the veracity of saving of 22000 crore as LPG subsidy due to 'Give it up' campaign and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the facts in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) Under PAHAL Scheme, more than 18.22 crore LPG consumers are directly getting LPG subsidy into their bank accounts. The Scheme has entered the Guiness Book of World Records being the largest Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme. So far, under PAHAL Scheme, more than Rs. 53,594 crore have been transferred into the bank accounts of consumers.
(b) So far, more than one crore LPG consumers have given up their LPG subsidy under the 'GiveItUp' campaign. The estimated annual subsidy savings for the Financial Year 2016-17 on this count is Rs. 1357 crore (approx.), assuming an average subsidy of Rs. 108.78 for 12 subsidized cylinders.
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on Implementation of PAHAL(DBTL) Scheme (Report No. 25 of 2016) had estimated savings in subsidy of ? 714.72 crore on account of 'GiveItUp' Campaign as a result of 67.27 lakh domestic consumers, voluntarily giving up their subsidy, as on 29th February, 2016.
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